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XVII. ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 17 concurrently with item 9 (see chap. IX) at its 32nd to 34th meetings, on 6 April, at its 35th meeting, on 8 April, at its 39th to 41st meetings, on 9 April, at its 43rd and 44th meetings, on 14 April, and at its 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998. 1/
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 17, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.
3. At the 32nd meeting, on 6 April 1998, statements were made by:
 - (a) Mr. Adama Dieng, independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, in introduction of his report (E/CN.4/1998/97);
 - (b) Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, in introduction of his report (E/CN.4/1998/95).
4. At the 33rd meeting, on 6 April 1988, Mr. Diego García-Sayán, member of the Secretary-General's mission to Guatemala, in introduction of the mission's report (E/CN.4/1998/93).
5. At the 34th meeting, on 6 April 1998, statements were made by:
 - (a) Ms. Leila I. Takla, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, in introduction of her report (E/CN.4/1998/92);
 - (b) Ms. Mona Rishmawi, independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, in introduction of her report (E/CN.4/1998/96).
6. In the general debate on agenda item 17, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: El Salvador (35th), Guatemala (33rd), India (34th), Italy (35th), Japan (34th), Madagascar (35th), Peru (34th), Russian Federation (35th), South Africa (34th), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) (35th).
7. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Australia (40th), Haiti (40th), Lithuania (40th), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (40th), Togo (40th).
8. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross (40th).

9. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: American Association of Jurists (40th), International Human Rights Law Group (41st), International Indian Treaty Council (41st), Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees (41st).

Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights

10. At the 43rd meeting, on 14 April 1997, the representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.39, on behalf of the Latin American Group. Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. The representative of Ecuador orally revised the fifth preambular paragraph and added a new operative paragraph 3.

12. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representative of Guatemala and by the observer of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca.

13. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/22.

Advisory services, technical cooperation and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights

14. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Germany introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.44, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay. Belarus, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Togo, Tunisia and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

15. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of India and the Philippines.

16. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/57.

Situation of human rights in Haiti

17. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Venezuela introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.51, sponsored by Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Bolivia, Denmark, Ecuador, Honduras, Japan, Senegal, Sweden and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

18. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/58.

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

19. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Italy introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.66, sponsored by Belgium, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United States of America. Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Gabon, Japan, New Zealand and Norway subsequently joined the sponsors.

20. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/59.

Situation of human rights in Cambodia

21. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the observer for Australia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.71, sponsored by Australia, Italy, Japan, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Poland and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

22. Operative paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 15 of the draft resolution were orally revised by the observer for Australia.

23. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations).

24. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 2/ of the draft resolution. In that regard, a statement of the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.71 was issued in document E/CN.4/1998/L.99.

25. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.
For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A,
resolution 1998/60.

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